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1. Chainless oil drilling winches have been designed and produced by the Kuibishev Heavy Machine Building Plant in Irkutsk, in conjunction with experts of the Ministry of Eastern Oil Industry.
2. These winches, in which a Cardan shaft and gear box replace the chain drive, are more reliable in operation and eliminate interruptions caused by breakdowns of winch chain drives. As a result, they reportedly have considerably increased the speed of oil well drilling, and have proved highly efficient during operation in the Ural's Krasnokamsk oil fields.

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